



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER		APPLICANT Thomas J. Nelson	
SERIAL NO. 09/941,500	FILING DATE 08/29/01	EXAMINER Dorsey	ART UNIT 3637
TITLE: INTERCONNECTING DISENGAGEABLE FLOORING SYSTEM			

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above identified application.

\_\_\_ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established.

\_\_\_ Power of Attorney.

X Please charge additional claim fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2221.

X Any additional extension and/or fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2221.

\_\_\_ No additional fee is required.  
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

### EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments)-If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply  
(complete (A) or (B) as applicable)

A. \_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension (Months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
___ one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
___ two months	390.00	195.00
___ three months	930.00	465.00
___ four months	1,470.00	735.00

Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

— An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$\_\_\_\_\_

OR

B. X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF  
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\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

\*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

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Respectfully submitted,



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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 888.00

## Complete if Known

Application Number 09/941,500  
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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	23	-20** =	3	x 18	= 54
Independent Claims	4	-3** =	1	x 84	= 84
Multiple Dependent					

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 138.00

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750.00
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 750.00

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7/29/03

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Thomas J. Nelson

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Title : INTERCONNECTING DISENGAGEABLE FLOORING SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 3637

Examiner: Dennis D. Doherty

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action of May 9, 2003, kindly amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

55. (currently amended) A disengageable connector for vertically and horizontally interconnecting two individual flooring panels with identical edges to form a permanent or temporary laminate flooring surface on top of a support structure, [said] the connector comprising;

a base having a given width, [said] the base having a projection extending vertically from [said] the base, [said] the projection having top and bottom portions and consisting of